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## COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF GLOBAL CROSSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 10-174 Comp. Pol. File No. 945

Comments Due: September 14, 2010

**Section 214 Application** 

**Applicant: Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.** 

On **July 30, 2010, Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.** (Global Crossing or Applicant), located at **225 Kenneth Drive, Rochester, New York 14623**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services in New York. By an amendment filed on August 30, 2010, Global Crossing supplemented the record regarding notice to customers. Accordingly, Global Crossing's application is deemed complete as of August 30, 2010.

Global Crossing indicates that it is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Global Crossing North America, Inc., currently authorized to provide both domestic interstate and international "dialaround" long distance calling service in New York. Global Crossing explains that, as a dial-around service provider, its customers are presubscribed to another long distance carrier and "dial-around" that presubscribed carrier to reach Global Crossing's service on an as-needed basis. Global Crossing further explains that it does not enter into contracts with the customers that use its service, and it does not have other ongoing commitments to provide service to these customers. Global Crossing states that all calls to its service are billed through third-party billing services on the customer's local exchange carrier telephone bill. Global Crossing indicates that it plans to discontinue its dial-around long distance calling service in New York on or after September 30, 2010.<sup>2</sup> Global Crossing maintains, however, that the dialaround services provided by many other carriers, such as Dial-Around Telecom, Inc., Telecom North America, Inc., and Total Call International, Inc. will still be available to customers. Global Crossing also explains that the planned discontinuance of its dial-around service will not impact customers' ability to receive service from their existing LEC or presubscribed long distance carrier. Global Crossing explains that, given the nature of its dial-around business, it does not have customer contact lists and, therefore,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Letter from Christopher Koves, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Counsel for Global Crossing, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WC Docket No. 10-174 (filed August 30, 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

cannot mail written notification to each affected customer. As an alternative form of notice, Global Crossing states that it has recorded an automated audio message on its long-distance access code number to notify customers of the discontinuance. Global Crossing indicates that this message informs customers of the planned discontinuance and provides a customer service number where customers can get information about the proposed discontinuance and their ability to file with the Commission. According to Global Crossing, the automated audio message will be played for a period of sixty days before the discontinuance of service, from July 30, 2010 to September 30, 2010. Global Crossing states that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

We seek comment on Global Crossing's proposed discontinuance of service, including the steps it has taken to notify customers, in light of the notification procedures prescribed in section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules. In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Global Crossing's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Global Crossing that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application, Global Crossing indicates that it anticipates discontinuing service on or after September 30, 2010, subject to regulatory approval. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Global Crossing's application, absent further Commission action, Global Crossing may terminate its dial-around long distance service in New York on or after **September 30, 2010**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **September 14, 2010**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 10-174 and Comp. Pol. File No. 945**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/">http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/</a>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to <a href="ecfs@fcc.gov">ecfs@fcc.gov</a>, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Effective December 28, 2009, the Commission's contractor will only receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at the FCC Headquarters building, located at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at <a href="FCC@BCPIWEB.COM">FCC@BCPIWEB.COM</a>. People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), <a href="mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov">carmell.weathers@fcc.gov</a>, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), <a href="mailto:kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov">kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov</a>, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other-adjud">http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other-adjud</a>.